

What is claimed is

1. A noise level updating system comprising:
 - detector means for detecting a noise level of an input signal;
 - a noise level holding section for holding a noise level detected by
 - 5 the detector means as a reference value;
 - determining means for determining updating of the noise level held in the noise level holding section based on a plurality of subsequent noise levels; and
 - updating means for updating the held noise level in accordance
 - 10 with determination of the determining means.
2. The system according to claim 1 wherein the determining means determines the updating of the held noise level when the difference between the subsequent noise levels is smaller than a predetermined value and the difference between the held noise level and
- 15 the subsequent noise levels is larger than a predetermined value.
3. The system according to claim 1 wherein the determining means determines the updating of the held noise level when the difference between an average value of the subsequent noise levels and the held noise level is larger than a predetermined value.